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1. DESCRIPTION IN REFTEL OF RABIN'S INCREASING READINESS TO STRIKE OUT ON HIS OWN ON MAJOR ISSUES AND OF REACTIONS IN ISRAEL TO RABIN'S COMMENT ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF INTERIM SETTLEMENT WITH JORDAN IS VERY INTERESTING.

2. ALLON IN HIS UNGA SPEECH OCTOBER 3 STATED VERY CLEARLY ISRAEL'S READINESS TO EXAMINE POSSIBILITY OF INTERIM AGREEMENTS WITH ITS NEIGHBORS, AGREEMENTS WHICH ISRAEL WOULD EXPECT TO "PUT AN END TO BELLIGERENCY IN ITS VARIOUS COMPONENTS." ALTHOUGH ALLON DID NOT REFER SPECIFICALLY IN SPEECH TO IDEA OF INTERIM SETTLEMENT WITH JORDAN, CONTEXT STRONGLY IMPLIED HE HAD JORDAN AMONG OTHER STATES IN MIND. ALLON UNGA SPEECH THEREFORE MAY HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO CRITICISMS IN ISRAEL DESCRIBED IN REFTEL OF APPARENT GOI WILLING-
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NESS TO ENTER INTO PARTIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH JORDAN.

3. PREDICTABLY, A MAJOR EMPHASIS IN ALLON SPEECH WAS ON PALESTINIAN ISSUE, AND WE WONDER IF THIS ASPECT EVOKED REACTIONS IN ISRAEL. ALLON STRESSED EXISTING ISRAELI POLICIES ON PEACE ISSUES, INCLUDING UNACCEPTABILITY OF

CREATING A THIRD STATE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND JORDAN AND NEED FOR PALESTINIAN PEOPLE TO WORK OUT THEIR "INDEPENDENT IDENTITY" WITHIN JORDANIAN-PALESTINIAN STATE. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, SOME OF ALLON'S RHETORIC IF TAKEN OUT OF CONTEXT PRESENTED A TONE SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT FROM STANDARD GOI ATTITUDE RE PALESTINIAN ISSUE (ALTHOUGH WORDING MAY NOT BE NEW FOR ALLON). ALLON, FOR EXAMPLE, STATED:

A. THE PALESTINIAN ARABS ARE "A PEOPLE," JUST AS THE ISRAELIS ARE "A PEOPLE." QUOTE THE SITUATION HERE IS NOT THAT OF A SUBJECT PEOPLE TRYING TO LIBERATE ITSELF WITH ITS OWN UNDERGROUND FORCES, BUT OF GROUPS OF DESPERADOES IMPOSING THEMSELVES ON A PEOPLE AND ATTEMPTING TO FORM AND DOMINATE IT BY MEANS OF THE DESTRUCTION OF ANOTHER PEOPLE. UNQUOTE.

B. TERMS "HISTORIC LAND OF ISRAEL" AND "PALESTINE" DESCRIBE THE SAME AREA. QUOTE THERE IS AMPLE ROOM FOR TWO STATES, JEWISH AND ARAB, TO CO-EXIST IN PEACE IN THE HISTORIC LAND OF ISRAEL OR PALESTINE ON BOTH SIDES OF THE JORDAN, THEIR COMMON BORDER BEING DETERMINED BY NEGOTIATIONS. UNQUOTE.

C. THE HOMELAND OF THE PALESTINIANS IS A "NATIONAL" ONE. QUOTE THE AREA EAST OF THE JORDAN IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE HISTORIC LAND OF ISRAEL OR PALESTINE, AND IT IS ALREADY THE NATIONAL HOME OF THE PALESTINIANS. UNQUOTE. INGERSOLL

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